

## RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CONNECTICUT,

IN FAVOR

*Of the establishment of a National Foundry within that State.*

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At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

Whereas the subject of the establishment at some point in the United States of a national foundry for the purpose of supplying ordnance, anchors, and other articles manufactured from iron, for the national service, has been recently under consideration in the Congress of the United States:

And whereas such an establishment has been repeatedly and strongly recommended by the President of the United States, and by committees of both Houses of Congress:

And whereas there are existing in the northwestern part of this State, inexhaustible beds of iron ore, from which iron is manufactured under the general name of Salisbury iron, bearing the highest reputation, for all purposes for which iron is used; which high reputation is evidenced by the fact, that it now does, and ever has sustained the highest price in the markets, and is exclusively used in the national armories at Springfield and Harper's Ferry, and in most, if not all the private armories in the country: That the oldest cannon now in use in the navy, were cast from the same ore; that many of the largest anchors, now on board our ships of war, are of the same iron, and that the same iron is now smelted and transported to the national establishment at the District of Columbia, and there formed into anchors for the national service:

And whereas water power to any extent now exists, unoccupied upon the Housatonic river, and its tributaries in the immediate vicinity of this ore; with all other facilities for manufacturing at a cheap rate:

And whereas upon the completion of the Housatonic railroad connecting with the great western railroad of Massachusetts, and the Albany and Hudson railroads on the north, and with tide water at the city of Bridgeport on the south, facilities for direct and speedy communication and transportation will be afforded not only to all the Atlantic cities, and the seaboard, but to the great lakes, and the whole interior of the union:

And whereas in view of these facts, it is the opinion of this Legislature, that the national interests will be best promoted by the location of the contemplated foundry in this State:

*Therefore, it is resolved by this Assembly,* That the Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States, be, and they are hereby, requested to call the attention of Congress to this subject, and to the considerations connected therewith, herein before set forth; and if the establishment of such a foundry be determined upon, to endeavor by all proper means to procure the location of the same to be fixed at some point in the Housatonic valley in this State, in the vicinity of the ore beds herein before mentioned.

*Resolved,* That his excellency, the Governor, be requested to communicate a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, to each of the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States.

W. W. HINNEM, *Secretary.*